

Chairman Marvin Abney
House Committee on Finance
Rhode Island State House
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CC: Members of the House Committee on Finance
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Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee:

I am writing to you as a constituent of Representative Robert Craven and Senator James Sheehan. I have been an IGT employee for 12 Years and would like to share with you why IGT's continued economic partnership with the state of Rhode Island is important to me, my colleagues, my family, and my community.

I grew up in Cranston and I've worked at IGT for 12 years. I'm reaching out to share my story with you and tell you why IGT's economic development partnership with Rhode Island is important to me.

As your constituent, I'd like you to know that I am so happy to be back at IGT. I was part of a team that was transitioned to Reno, Nevada in 2017- 2018. The HR team here at IGT did everything they possibly could to find positions for everyone in the Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable department that was transitioned to Reno – unfortunately I was one of the few who did not find a position in a different department.

I took a new job at a different company; however, I did not feel as though there was any job security. I stayed in contact with my IGT family because after 12 years with my co-workers, that is what we are – family. In December of 2018 I was contacted by my former accounts receivable manager from IGT to see if I was interested in a position in the Finance department. The Finance manager had reached out to the AR/AP managers to see if anyone from their departments who had left the company would be a good fit for the open position. I am happy to say that I was hired in late December 2018 with a start date of January 2019. I am home now and do not want to have to start over again. Please do everything in your power to get this 20-year economic development agreement with the State of Rhode Island approved.

I am a single parent of a child with Autism, I cannot tell you what a relief it is to feel like I have a stable job to go to everyday. With all the daily issues I have with my daughter it is nice to take this one off my plate.

This is my daughter's first year out of high school, as she has turned 21 in July and has completed the North Kingstown High School transition program. We have entered a new chapter of life as we know it and are now praying to get approved for Adult Services, we have an informal hearing on September 12th. We have had the best of the best help us through the first few chapters, with confusing paperwork and different agencies in the State of RI to get her help. I cannot explain how much support I have received from my IGT family as I went through all the testing and finally getting the proper diagnosis for my daughter. Between having to take time off for doctor's appointments, to her being an in-patient at Bradley twice. I am grateful for all your work on the Health and Human Services Committee and the Education Committee that you do.

Please support IGT's continued partnership with the state by sending House Bill 5223 to the House chamber with a recommendation for passage.

Respectfully,

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